

**Before The
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C.**

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In the Matter of

**Calling Party Pays Service Option
in the Commercial Mobile Radio
Services**

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WT Docket No. 97-207

To: The Commission

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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE COMMENTS
BY THE RURAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS GROUP**

The Rural Telecommunications Group ("RTG")¹ respectfully submits this request for an extension of time to file comments in the above-mentioned proceeding.² On October 23, 1997, the Commission released its *Notice of Inquiry* in this proceeding, with comments due by December 1, 1997, and reply comments due by December 16, 1997. The purpose of the proceeding is to "explore the subject of [calling party pays] in order to develop a record for determining whether the wider availability of CPP would enable CMRS providers to more readily compete with wireline services provided by LECs, and for determining whether there are actions that the Commission could take to promote the wider availability of CPP for CMRS providers."³

¹ RTG is a group of concerned rural telephone companies who have joined together to promote the efforts of member rural telephone companies to speed the delivery of new, efficient and innovative telecommunications technologies to the populations of remote and underserved sections of the country.

² See *In the Matter of Calling Party Pays Service Option in the Commercial Mobile Radio Services, Notice of Inquiry*, WT Docket No. 97-207 (released Oct. 23, 1997) ("Notice").

³ Notice at ¶ 1.

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RTG's members recognize CPP as an issue of considerable interest and import to carriers and consumers alike. RTG is actively in the process of canvassing its members to gather a consensus on the impact of CPP on small and rural telecommunications carriers. RTG believes that, given the tremendous recent growth and development of the wireless industry, commenters require additional time to complete a thorough and accurate review of the status of CPP from a policy, business, and technical perspective. Thus, RTG requests that the Commission extend the comment filing date to December 16, 1997, and the reply comment filing date to January 9, 1998. RTG believes that this extension will allow the Commission to build a more complete record in the proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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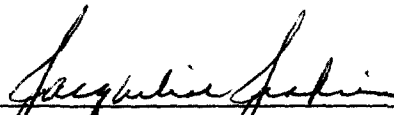
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